

Former Lents Visitor Writes of Wonders of Fort Bliss, Texas

The following is a letter written to Richard and Dorothy Hess, children of Dr. and Mrs. O. A. Hess, by Crawford Morris, telling of a visit to Fort Bliss, Texas. Mr. Morris visited Dr. and Mrs. Hess last summer and with them visited Mt. Hood. The scenery of this beautiful trip impressed Mr. Morris greatly and he wrote a letter to Dr. and Mrs. Hess expressing his appreciation.

Knowing that you will be interested, I am going to tell you of a little experience I had this noon.

Learning that there was a big time booked at Fort Bliss for this afternoon, I had an early dinner, and went out to enjoy whatever might come off.

The Fort is located about four and a half miles from the city of El Paso, and is reached by trolley or driveway. Of course I went on the trolley as it suited my conveniences best.

It is said to be the best equipped fort Uncle Sam possesses and I had not been on the grounds ten minutes before I would have believed anything wonderful they might say about it, for as far as army equipment and soldiers are concerned, I don't think it can be discounted.

Its location is ideal being on a broad table land within sight of El Paso and Mexico.

The drill grounds are located in a narrow valley which make a natural amphitheatre, and all the "doins" can be enjoyed without crowding or straining your neck to see what is going on.

Having arrived early, of course I had my choice of seat on the hillside in the sand, and I selected a good one near where the big clinkers sit to enjoy the sports.

The show started with a grand review of the troops, several thousand men being in the parade, the cavalry leading, then followed the infantry, field ar-

next performed, one was white and the other was black, and the black did so much better than the white fellows, that they carried off the prize. They were as funny as could be, for you know how a negro will show off when he gets the opportunity.

Following this performance they gave a gas mask drill which was most interesting, then followed the hospital corps with its interesting work in the field.

The most interesting of all the stunts was the one pulled off by the engineers who gave a good demonstration of what they had to do under fire.

There were two machine gun nests located opposite to where the demonstration was held, and they kept up a rapid fire during the whole of the work.

In less time than it takes to tell it, the engineer corps drove out to the proper place, unloaded, built a bridge, drove their teams over and had all their men over before the enemy could reach it, and just as the enemy cavalry reached the approach to the bridge, it was blown up in truly war style. It was most exciting and looked for all the world like the real war, as near as I could judge.

In the center of the amphitheatre there are two good sized hills, and it sure was exciting to see the tanks climb them, all got over and down the other side safely except two and they turned turtle when they got too near the edge of the hill and started to slide. None of the drivers were hurt, and I really think it was part of the performance, for

maps and surveying instruments, while another part of the engineers display had light pontoon equipment and a pack demolition outfit.

The field signal battalion showed tractors, wire carts, radio motorcycles and mounted radio packs, with a detached pigeon played their part.

The base hospital display interested me more than any other for it contained an operating room, x-ray outfit, laboratory, dental outfit and specimen ward.

The field hospital came next with its perfect equipment, then the ambulance company had its dressing station and ambulance train. The air service showed one plane with bombs, guns, radio, photo, map making and telephone outfits. The zone supply office showed three types of rolling kitchens, a salvage plant, field ranges and tontage.

In the motor transport department they had one of each kind of vehicle used. In the motor transport general depot they had in operation a 250 ton tire press, a machine shop truck and one white staff observation car. In the wagon transportation display, they had one kind of each vehicle used, also a pack train of mules.

In the ordinance department they had the ordinance material display, machine gun exhibits, tractor, tank, ammunition, artillery displays, also one combination M. O. R. S. unit. In the teamsters school they exhibited one four-line team hitched to an escort wagon.

TANKS MOVE BASE HOSPITAL AT FORT BLISS



Tanks hauling one of the buildings of the base hospital at Fort Bliss. The base, which was moved to a location some distance away, is one of the most complete in the United States.

tillery, pack trains, ambulances and the tanks.

After the parade, each department represented gave an exhibition drill manouever.

The cavalry was the first to show off, and to me it was perfectly wonderful how well their horses were trained. All the while they were drilling, other riders were showing how to control horses, by making them lie down, sit up and jump hurdles.

There were quite a number of accidents to the riders but none seemed to be serious though several were thrown from their horses and dragged along unable to disentangle themselves from the harness.

While all of this was going on, there were eight flying machines sailing around and mighty close to the ground as the aviators were photographing the scenery below, and the officer of the day said they would take a picture and within fifteen minutes would have a proof of it for inspection. Two companies of infantry

as soon as they toppled over the other tanks came to the rescue, and lifted them up right side with care.

The moving picture man was very much in evidence, and I judge he obtained some very good photos, as the sun was about right and the air clear.

When I said Fort Bliss is the best equipped in the country, I think you will agree with me when I tell you of some of the exhibits. There were so many that I made a memorandum of a few as I could not remember all of them.

In the infantry department they had heavy and light Brownings, infantry equipment, range finders and map making outfits. In the cavalry division, they displayed all the material that makes up the cavalry.

In the field artillery section they had a great display of field pieces and all the equipment.

The engineers section displayed field map wagon, hospital tent, drafting tent with tables,

In the educational department, including vocational training they had suitable exhibits showing machinery, equipment, fabrication and development of the various classes in elementary English, grammar school courses and civil service. High school courses and modern languages, shorthand and typewriting, schools of commerce and of journalism, mechanical drawing, engineering and architecture.

Electrical engineering, blacksmithing, veterinary surgery, packing, harness making and saddlery, automobile engineering school of bakery, wood work and carpentry, Aeronautics, school of mines, elementary dentistry, school of hygiene and pre medicine radio and telegraphy. I really don't know where there is a better chance for youngsters today than in the service of our Uncle Samuel. There was a great big dirigible balloon captive on the grounds and with one foot on the earth I think I should like to have taken a ride.

Deardorf Twin Takes Tumble.

One of the 22 months old twins belonging to the J. E. Deardorf family on east Gilbert road narrowly escaped death last Sunday afternoon at the

Deardorf home when with some of the other children it was playing in a second story room with a window reaching to the floor. Seeing its daddy outside the little tot stepped to the window thinking to press its hands

against the glass and attract him but there being no pane there the child fell out onto a scaffolding, thence to the ground. Only the scaffolding's breaking the fall saved the little one from more than a bruised cheek.

MISS BLUMAUR MEETS WITH LENTS TEACHERS

Miss Blumaur met Friday the 6th with the Lents teachers at noon and presented to them an elaborate system for encouraging personal hygiene among the school children. During a 15 weeks' course the boys and girls are encouraged to comply step by step with the requirements till they have won first a certificate with rank of page, a button with rank of squire and a bannerette with rank of knight. The certifications of their having performed all the scheduled duties are to be made by the parents. The teachers are at liberty to use their own judgment about adopting the system. Miss Blumaur stated that Lents school last year made a better showing than any other school in the matter of hygiene culture. Prof. Hughson is interested in anything that will stimulate progressiveness among the children, he believes that it is better for a child to go home from school in the evening with a friendly feeling toward education than for him to be crammed full of dry-as-dust facts. And the professor is glad to encourage anything that is really conducive to this friendly feeling. Prof. Hughson agrees with Holmes who says "The great thing in this world is not so much where we stand as in what direction we are moving."

An appalling fact which makes the personal hygiene movement among school children a matter of grave concern is that about one-third of the young men who were examined for army service during the late war were physically unfit. Many were found who did not breathe properly, and many others were discovered to be lacking in other physique virtues.

Artisans to Meet February 18.

The Artisan lodge will hold its regular social evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Huston, 8721 Foster road on the evening of February 18. All Artisans are cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. Cora May Buckley.

Cora May Buckley was born April 3 1890, in Brownfield, Mo. She was the daughter of Robert and Sarah Nicks. She spent the first 18 years of her life in Missouri, where she was well known and greatly beloved for her gentle and sunny disposition she was brought up in the Christian church. She came to Oregon on July 5, 1909, and was married to Cleveland H. Buckley July 5, 1911. She resided in Portland until 1915 when she moved to a farm near Lyle, Wash., residing there for four years, and returned to Portland about six weeks ago. Mrs. Buckley was ill only one week, death being due to pneumonia. While her suffering was great she bore it patiently and uncomplainingly and was conscious to the last. Besides her husband, she leaves her mother, Mrs. John Erb, and her sister, Mrs. Burt Masrum of this city; her father, Robert A. Nicks of Lebanon, Mo., and her brothers, Porter Nicks, of Fairfield, Ia., and Scott Nicks, of Miami, Okla., and her aunt Mrs. A. L. Killman of Portland. Telegrams were sent to her brothers when she was so ill, but they failed to reach Scott Nicks in time. Porter started at once on receiving the telegram and arrived in time for the funeral which was held in the parlors of A. D. Kenworthy and Co. Lents. Burial was in Mt. Scott cemetery.

Bennet Chapel Ladies Aid Meets.

The Ladies Aid Society of Bennet Chapel met Thursday afternoon, the 5th, at the home of Mrs. J. L. Johnson. The chairman of the work committee found a number of left-overs from previous bazaars and decided that it was time they disappeared. So lifting them to view one by one she disposed of them at vendue, showing herself to be very efficient in the art of auctioneering. It is needless to say that all the ladies enjoyed themselves immensely.

FUNERAL SERVICE FOR ANDREW HEIMAN TO BE HELD SATURDAY 1 P. M.

The residents of Lents and vicinity were grieved to hear that Andrew Heiman died shortly after his arrival in Phoenix, Arizona, last week, where he went in search of climatic conditions which would benefit his health, after suffering two years with tuberculosis. Mr. Heiman was born on the ranch east of Lents May 25, 1893, and has lived there continuously. He attended the Gilbert school and after graduating there attended Behnke-Walker Business college. Five years ago he married Miss Olive Battin, and to them were born two children, the first one passing away shortly after birth, and Jean, four months old baby. Besides his wife and baby he is survived by his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. A. Heiman and two brothers, Emil and Fred. The body was shipped from Phoenix and funeral services will be held Saturday at 1 p. m. in Kenworthy's undertaking parlors. Interment will be in Mt. Scott Park Cemetery.

BOY FATALLY SHOT DIES AT HOSPITAL.

John W. Huskey Jr., 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Huskey, 6528 94th street, was accidentally shot and fatally wounded by a .22 rifle in the hands of a companion, Norris Collins, aged 12, of 9748 67th avenue Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

The boy died at the Good Samaritan hospital about 5:45 o'clock the same evening.

The two boys and Guy Collins, a brother of Norris, had started for the woods for a hunting trip at the time the accidental shooting occurred. They had stopped to wait for a fourth boy not far from the Huskey home at the time of the shooting. While they were waiting the rifle was accidentally discharged by Norris Collins, who was holding it. He was facing the opposite direction from the Huskey boy at the time the gun went off, according to a report made by Motorcycle Patrolman Ingle, who made an investigation.

The bullet struck the boy in the abdomen, causing a fatal wound. John was born in Alberta Canada, June 10, 1910, he was a member of the 4b class in the local school and a good dependable little lad. Funeral services were conducted Monday at 4:30 p. m. in Kenworthy's chapel, Rev. Shupp officiating. A number of the school children attending. The body was shipped to Mosier Tuesday morning for burial. Mrs. Huskey who was critically ill at the time of the accident is improving slowly.

Celebrates His 80th Birthday.

E. A. Hamlin, of 7427 64th avenue who was a member of the 92nd Regt. N. Y. Volunteers, 61 to 65, in the war of the Great Rebellion and now a member of Reuber Wilson Post, Grand Army of the Republic, celebrated his 80th birthday, February 9, 1920. There were twenty members of his post and of the Ladies of the G. A. R. present, and all enjoyed a sumptuous repast and a very pleasant time. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Day, Mr. and Mrs. Tussey, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin, Mr. and Mrs. Riggs; Messers, Walrod, Clarke and Strickland; Messdames Maffett, Forte, Connors, Barker, Woodworth and Lawrence; and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Hamlin.

Moving Pictures This Afternoon

Rev. Geo. Edw. Lewis who has lived and traveled in Alaska for a number of years will give a motion picture entertainment in the Lents school auditorium this (Friday) afternoon at 2 o'clock, depicting life among the Eskimaux, their mode of living, their dog teams etc. An admission of 10 cents will be charged for the children and 20 cents for adults. The proceeds will be used to purchase base ball paraphernalia for the boys of the school.

MENTAL CULTURE CLUB HOLD ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND MEETING.

The Mt. Scott Mental Culture club recently held its annual scholarship-loan-fund meeting at the home of Mrs. Saylor Smith, 533 Marguerite avenue, at which Miss Lutie Stearns, the Wisconsin librarian, lecturer and child-welfare worker, gave "A Spinster Soliloquy." Other numbers on the program included a violin solo, Bernice Helm, a piano solo by Miss Mount accompanied by A. G. Jackson; and the presentation of the scholarship loan fund work by Mrs. J. J. Hand-saker. The committee on refreshments included Messdames F. N. Dobbs, S. F. Ball and Saylor Smith. They were assisted in the serving by Messdames Fredric Armstrong, Roy Armstrong and Miss Helen Smith; with Messdames Jean McLoney and Geo. E. Rogers as the tea table.

This meeting was one of the most important of the year as its activities were directed toward the increasing of the scholarship-loan fund which the federated clubs of Oregon are maintaining. The purpose of securing the fund is to advance money without interest to worthy young women who wish to go through college. These young women borrow the money with the understanding that they are to pay it back when they get to work after college. On January 1, 1920, the fund since its beginning amounted to \$9,856.43. The total amounts loaned have run up to \$24,158.53. By reason of the money which is returned by the young women the fund is kept floating, so that while more has been loaned than is actually in the present treasury, there is a constant usable fund. Loans have been made to 209 young women, 104 of whom have paid in full. Some of the schools to which these young women have been thus enabled to go to include the State Normal, the University of Oregon, the Oregon Agricultural college and various denominational schools. The state scholarship-loan board is composed of the president, Mrs. Fredrick Eggert, and nine members. If a loan is desired the young woman makes application to Mrs. Eggert, presenting references in behalf of her steadfastness of purpose, general worth and so on. Mrs. Eggert then presents the application to the board which assures themselves of the quality of the risk before making the loan.

VAILS MARKET SOLD TO MATHIS & RIGGS.

Vail's Market was sold Wednesday by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Vail to Mathis & Riggs of Portland. The new firm took possession this (Friday) morning, and the Herald extends a welcome into the business circle of Lents.

Mr. and Mrs. Vail have been in business here for three years and have during that time built a very modest business into one averaging in sales last year nearly \$40,000. Their decision to leave will be learned with regret by their many friends. They expect to remain here a couple of months to close up affairs, after which they are going to California for a time in the hopes that the climate may benefit Mr. Vail's health. They also expect to pay a visit to their old home in New York state before going into business again.

Mr. and Mrs. Vail desire through the Herald to express their appreciation of the support given them by their patrons, and also of the pleasant relations maintained between them and their business associates.

Ruby Carlson.

Ruby Carlson passed away at the family home, 5615 61st street, Saturday, February 7, following an illness of pneumonia. She was born in Portland March 2, 1915. Funeral services were held in Kenworthy's undertaking parlors February 9. Interment was made in Multnomah cemetery.